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Solar Business Group Calls for Action on Solar Rebate Standoff

The Florida Solar Energy Industries Association (FlaSEIA) was disappointed to learn that the Joint Legislative Budget Commission didn't consider a request to make available more than \$13 million in rebates to residents who have installed solar technologies on their homes and businesses. FlaSEIA appreciates Governor Crist's efforts in urging the use of stimulus money to pay down a portion of the backlog from the popular solar rebate program which ended June 30, 2010.

FlaSEIA urges the Governor, Speaker of the House and Senate President to work out their differences and find a solution to what we believe is a vital component in Florida's economic recovery. Over 15,000 hardworking Floridians have made an investment in their energy future, and FlaSEIA believes they should be paid. The infusion of \$13.8 million into our economy will be a welcome relief to thousands of households across our state, many of whom have been waiting for over a year for their rebate.

FlaSEIA is concerned that Florida could lose those federal dollars if swift action is not taken. The Department of Energy (DOE) has already approved the reallocation of these funds. By taking quick action, you will provide credibility to future incentive programs. We urge our legislative leaders to work with the Governor's office to find a solution to honor the commitment made when the solar rebate program was established.

For more information on the solar energy in Florida, please visit the Florida Solar Energy Industries Association Web site at www.flaseia.org.